Sinking of wells for the use of the depressed classes.

285. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of wells completed during the year 1104 for the use of the members of the depressed classes ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Thirteen.

Warders of women prisoners in Lock-ups.

286. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that women prisoners in the lock-ups are looked after entirely by men warders ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. In the Central Jail women prisoners are looked after entirely by women warders.

MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA (*Nominated*) : My question was with regard to police lock-ups. Do the Government think it possible to make some arrangements so that women in the Police lock-ups can be looked after by women ? I refer to ' under-trial prisoners.'

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer supplies additional information to the member. There is no such scheme, as the member wants, now before Government. The question will be considered.

Treatment of juvenile and grown-up offenders.

287. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether juvenile offenders are confined in the same cells along with grown-up offenders ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Juvenile offenders are generally sent to the Reformatory School. If any be admitted in the Central Prison, they are not confined in the same cells with grown-up offenders. In Police Stations when accommodation is not available, they are confined in the same lock-up along with grown-up offenders.

Allotment of timings to buses in South Travancore.

288. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether all the timings that have been already allotted to bus owners in South Travancore are availed of regularly ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the number of timings that were not availed of by the respective bus-owners in South Travancore during the last 4 months (up to 1-12-1104) and the reasons, if any, for the same ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that timings are being refused to registered buses on the plea that no timings are available in the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line ;

(*d*) whether they intend limiting the number of buses that may ply for hire between Trivandrum and Nagercoil ;

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(*e*) whether they are aware that buses in South Travancore generally take more time for their journey than is allowed for them ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. The timings allotted to the buses are availed of regularly. But sometimes a time may not be used by a bus for a day or two owing to mechanical defects in the buses. No time is permanently unused by any bus.

(*c*) Timings are not being refused.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The question does not arise.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, with regard to the answer to part (*e*) of the question, I wish to know whether the answer is based on the actual examination of the records or from reports and enquiries?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is based on the report of the Police Commissioner. He must have enquired into the matter. Government have no information at present whether the Police Commissioner has enquired into the matter or not.

Repairs to the Pappanankod-Kottur Road.

289. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : (1) Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that for about 4 miles from the 1st to the 5th milestone along the Pappanankod-Kottur road in the Neyyattinkara taluk the road is in a very miserable condition ; and

(*b*) that the said road is one having a fairly large passenger and goods traffic?

(2) Will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the people of Vilappil, Vilavurkal, Marukil, Malayinkil, Kattakada, etc., urging the immediate need for improving and metalling the same as also for effecting immediate improvement to the old, dilapidated and tottering wooden bridge at Vilavurkal ;

(*b*) whether the matter has also not been brought to the notice of the Government in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by a member for Neyyattinkara during the recent Sessions of the Assembly ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (2) (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) The Chief Engineer reports that, owing to heavy rains, the road beyond the first mile, which is not metalled, got slushy in spite of attention being paid to it in the way of repairs with the existing maintenance grant.

(*b*) Yes.

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